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Thursday, 5 February 1953

1. [REDACTED] both talked to me today, indicating that they were desperate for clerical workers and thought the situation was not improving. Talked to General Morris and Mr. Meloon about this and have asked Meloon for a report as to the present status of clerical vacancies, what we are doing about it, and what the prognosis seems to be.

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2. [REDACTED] telephoned to request that we get a new car for General Cabell. I told him I would look into it and do it if we possibly could.

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4. Pforzheimer telephoned to say that he had been able to satisfy the offices of Senator Anderson and Senator Carlson without leaving either of the letters I mentioned a day or two ago.

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5. Matt Baird telephoned me to call my attention to four possible exceptions to the report he understands [REDACTED] of Real Estate and Construction is preparing concerning [REDACTED]. Apparently, a movie was not provided in the mess hall. Matt feels the medics should sign off on the adequacy of the dispensary; security should sign off on the adequacy of fencing and other security arrangements; and that the [REDACTED] from which we will be drawing supplies, should have something to say about the loading and unloading facilities. I agreed that this all made sense to me and that I would discuss it with Jim Garrison, if necessary.

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6. I advised General Morris and Mr. Meloon that, while I omitted the ceiling [REDACTED] from the recent personnel ceilings I furnished them, their ceiling is actually [REDACTED] and may be reduced by four more later if we can possibly reduce the guard post at the tower.

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7. Talked to General Morris and Mr. Meloon about a number of subjects. Meloon reports that the arrangement with [REDACTED] is working well, whereby we advise him once a month of all draft-deferred personnel in his area and he reports back that they have gone overseas or gives reasons why not.

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8. Meloon says that his Agency notice on the new insurance program should be ready for me to sign off on on Monday.

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9. We discussed the possibility of establishing a point of contact for each division in the Personnel Office. Both Mr. Meloon and General Morris think this would be wasteful of personnel and believe that the Personnel Office in each area division should take care of this. I am inclined to agree, and believe this is an entirely different problem from that which Jim Garrison faces.

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13. Jim Garrison complimented [REDACTED] on the excellent study his Record Management people have done on the Office of Procurement and Supply.

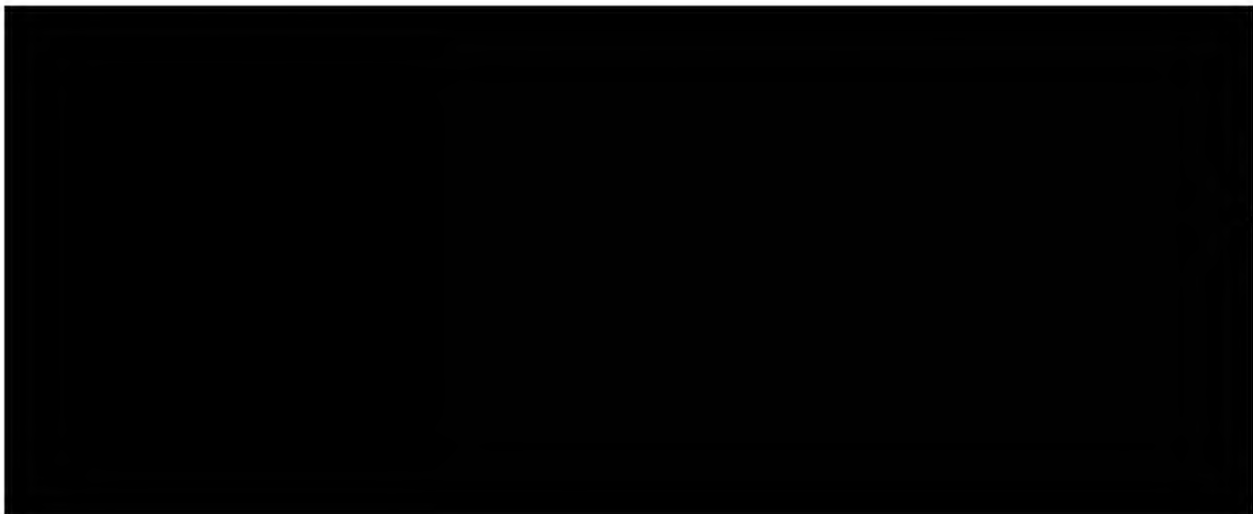
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14. Jim advises me that, through some deal, the Navy gave him 5,850 pairs of field glasses, all of which are new and originally cost \$135 each.

15. Jim is complaining mildly at the long time it takes the Comptroller's Office to pay firms with which we contract, and indicates that, if we don't speed it up, they won't be anxious to do business with us. I assured Jim that we were aware of the problem and were trying desperately to solve it.

16. I asked George Meloon to give me some statistics on Agency turnover for the past year, which I could pass on to Mr. Dulles. I think he and General Smith have a misunderstanding as to what this rate is.

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